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ADVANCED AMERICAN HISTORY. By S. E. Forman. New York: The Century Company. 1914. pp. xiv+634.

This is decidedly one of the best text-books on American history which have yet appeared. According to the author, the three great aspects of our growth as a nation are, first, the forces of civilization pressing ever westward upon the wilderness; second, American conquests and inventions in the economic world; and third, American ingenuity working out new solutions of the problems of government. In dealing with the first of these aspects, the author has not failed to bring out all that is picturesque and dramatic in pushing back the frontier until it has vanished from our midst. More space is devoted to this westward movement, to the life of the settlers, to the public land system, and to frontier problems than in any other similar small text-book we know of. Maps, diagrams, and pictures aid the description. Under the second aspect, social and economic betterment, the author gives us a capital short history of American civilization. Finally, the author's experience as a writer on civics has well equipped him to present clearly to the student the working out of popular rule down to the Initiative, the Referendum, and the Commission System. In the unfolding of his story Mr. Forman possesses in unusual degree the art of lucid and orderly presentation. The book is well equipped with maps and with illustrations. References and suggestions for independent work follow each chapter, as well as a list of books for special reading. The index is good and full.

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PUBLIC OPINION AND POPULAR GOVERNMENT. By A. Lawrence Lowell, President of Harvard University. New York: Longmans, Green, & Company. 1913. pp. xiv+415.

President Lowell takes as his text for the discussion of political problems which is embodied in this book a fundamental principle of modern popular government. That is to say, he considers "the conduct of public affairs in accord with a public opinion which is general, although not universal, and which implies under certain conditions a duty on the part of the minority to submit" (pp. 7-8). In the amplification of this text